# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Life-Saving HIV Drug
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of a life-saving HIV drug for children viz. Lopinavir syrup which has been withdrawn production stopped by its sole manufacturer;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor and corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of HIV children estimated to be affected by it, State/ UT-wise?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): Yes. Government has taken note of a life-saving HIV drug for children viz. Lopinavir syrup which has been withdrawn/stopped production by its sole manufacturer.

(b): The sole manufacturer with WHO GMP, M/s Cipla stopped production of syrup formulation without prior intimation to the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO). Currently NACO has done an emergency procurement from a registered manufacturer M/s McNeil and Argus. The drug has already been supplied and is available throughout the country.

(c): The syrup LPV/r is required for treatment of HIV positive children with weight below 10 kg, and hence number of children receiving this drug varies from time to time. As per February - 2017 Monthly progress report from State AIDS Control Society (SACS), 651 children are getting this drug. The State / UT wise details are placed at annexure